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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45, Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service

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In its sworn affidavit, US Cellular states:

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. **9645**, which requires states to **certify** to the Federal Communications Commission that all Federal High-Cost Support within this state be used **only** for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

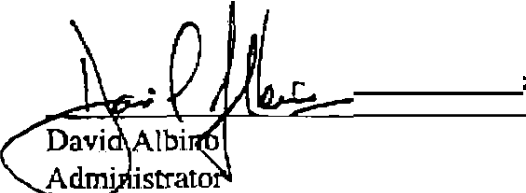
5. Carrier hereby states that it will **use** the Federal **High Cost** Support Funds **only** for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Relying on these sworn affidavits, the Commission certifies that all the Federal High Cost Support Funds received by US Cellular will **be used for only** for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities **and services** for which the support is intended pursuant to § 254(c) of the Federal Telecommunications **Act** of 1996.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to David Albino at (608) 266-1567.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, 30 December 2002

For the Commission:



David Albino
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Enclosures

cc: Records Management, PSCW
8225-TI-102Service List

ATTACHMENT A

**Exchanges Served by Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers
for which ETC Status was Requested**

Study Area Name	Study Area Code	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS Requested	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS NOT Requested
Amherst Telephone Company	330843	Amherst, Custer, Rosholt,	(none)
Belmont Telephone Co.	330847	Belmont	(none)
Bergen Telephone Co.	330848	Bergen	(none)
Black Earth Telephone Co.	330849	Black Earth	(none)
Burlington, Brighton and Wheatland Tel. Co.	330856	Bohners Lake, Wheatland	(none)
Central State Telephone Co.	330859	Auburndale, Junction City, Lindsey, Necedah, Pittsville, Vesper,	Cranmoor, Mill Creek
CenturyTel of Fairwater Brandon Alto, LLC (1910)	330877	Brandon	(none)
CenturyTel of Forestville, LLC (2050)	330884	Brussels, Forestville, Little Sturgis	(none)
CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC (2055)	331159	Alma Center, Arcadia, Argyle, Bangor, Black Creek, Black River Falls, Benton ^{CC} , Blair, Centerville, Darlington, Denmark, Ettrick, Fairchild, Fountain City, Galesville, Gratiot, Holmen, Hixton, Kingston, Luxemburg, Markesan, Melrose, Merrillan, Mindoro, Montfort, Muscoda, New Franklin, Nichols, Osseo, Pickett, Rosendale, Seymour, Shiocton, Shullsburg, Taylot, Trempealeau, Wautoma, Whitehall, Wiota	Augusta, Cleghorn, Fall Creek

Study Area Name	Study Area Code	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS Requested	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS NOT Requested
CenturyTel of the Midwest - Kendall, LLC (2815)	330924	Baraboo, Berlin, Green Lake, Kendall, Mazomanie, North Freedom, Princeton, Red Granite	Ashland, Bayfield, Cornell, Hurley, Saxon, Ladysmith, Marinette, McAllister, Oconto, oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Stanley, John, Pattison, Washburn
CenturyTel of Monroe County, LLC (3810)	330913	Cashton, Cataract, Norwalk, Ontario, Sparta, Wilton	(none)
CenturyTel of Larsen-Readfield, LLC (3070)	330898	Larsen, Readfield	(none)
CenturyTel of Southern Wisconsin, LLC (4590)	330931	Cambria, Fall River, Fox Lake, Rio, Randolph	(none)
CenturyTel of the Midwest - Wisconsin, LLC (4260)	330959	Avoca, Boscobel, Casco ^C , DeForest, Delafield, Dousman, Eagle, East Troy, Footville ^W , Fremont ^{CM} , Genesee, Hazel Green ^P , Highland, Milton ^{CM} , Mt. Zion, Mukwanago, Neskoro, North Prairie, Platteville ^P , Poynette, Poysippi ^{CM} , Ripon, Steuben, Sullivan, Tomah, Warrens, Wayside ^W , Weyawega ^C , Wild Rose, Wonewoc	Amberg, Boyd, Cadott, Chetek, Coleman, Crivitz, Cumberland, , Goodman, Harmony, Lena, Pembine, Sarona, Shell Lake, Spooner, Thorp, Turtle Lake, Twin Bridge, Wausaukee
CenturyTel of Wisconsin, LLC (2930)	330895	Onalaska, Lacrosse, West Salem,	(none)
Citizen's Telecommunications Company, of Illinois	330863	East Dubuque	Fairplay
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company	330866	Chochrane, Waumandee	(none)
Coon Valley Farmers Telephone Company	330868	Coon Valley, Chaseburg, Stoddard	(none)
Cuba City Telephone Company	330872	Cuba City	(none)

Utility Area Name	Utility Area Code	Exchanges for which LEC Status WAS Requested	Exchanges for which LEC Status WAS NOT Requested
Dickeyville Telephone Company	330875	Dickeyville	(none)
EastCoast Telecom, Inc.	330914	Cleveland, Collins, Howard's Grove, St. Nazianz, Valders	(none)
Fanners Telephone Co.	330880	Beetown, Cassville, Lancaster, Potosi	(none)
Frontier Communications of Mondovi, Inc.	330912	Mondovi	(none)
Frontier Communications of Wisconsin, Inc.	330964	Bear Creek, Clintonville, Marion, Tigerton	Bowler, Cecil, Gresham, Keshena, Neopit, Shawno
Frontier Communications of Viroqua, Inc.	330967	Viroqua	(none)
Grantland Telecom, Inc.	330930	Bagley, Bloomington, Fennimore, Mount Hope, Woodman	(none)
Hillsboro Telephone Co.	330892	Hillsboro	(none)
La Valle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330899	Cazenovia, La Valle	(none)
Lakefield Telephone Company	330896	Newton, Newtonburg	(none)
Lemonweir Valley Telephone Co.	330900	Camp Douglas, New Lisbon	(none)
Manawa Telephone Company	330905	Manawa, Ogdensburg	(none)
Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330908	Brooks, Endeavor, Oxford, Packwaukee	Easton, FCI, Jordan Lake,
Mid-Plains Telephone, Inc.	330881	Cross Plains, Middleton	(none)
Mt. Horeb Telephone Co.	330916	Mt. Horeb	(none)
Mt. Vernon Telephone Co.	330917	Mt. Vernon, New Glarus, Verona	(none)
Nelson Telephone Cooperative	330918	Durand, Gilmanton, Nelson	Arkansas
Northeast Telephone Co.	330938	Mill Center, Pulaski, Oneida	Krakow
Richland Grant Telephone Coop., Inc.	330942	Blue River, Boaz, Gays Mills, Sabin, Soldier's Grove	(none)
Riverside Telecom, Inc.	330943	Johnson Creek, Reeseville	(none)
Scandinavia Telephone Co.	330945	Iola, Scandinavia	(none)

Study Area Name	Study Area Code	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS Requested	Exchanges for which ETC Status WAS NOT Requested
Sharon Telephone Co.	330946	Sharon	(none)
Southeast Telephone Co.	330952	Waterford, Wind Lake	(none)
State Long Distance Telephone Co.	330955	Elkhorn	Lauderdale
Stockbridge & Sherwood Telephone Co.	330954	Hilbert, Stockbridge, Tisch Mills	Sherwood
Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC	331155	Eastman, Prairie Du Chien, Seneca, Wauzeka	Balsam Lake, Barrow, Birchwood, Boyceville, Butternut, Centuria, Colfax, Elk Mound, Elmwood, Gillett, Glenwood City, Glidden, Hayward, Knapp, Lakewood, Laona, Maiden Rock, Mellen, Park Falls, Pepin, Plum City, Prescott, Rice Lake, Saint Croix Falls, Spider Lake, Springbrook, Stone Lake, Suring, Wabeno, Wheeler, Winter.
Tenney Telephone Company	330958	Alma	(none)
Tri-County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	330960	Elewa, Independence, Northfield, Pigeon Falls, Pleasantville, Strum	(none)
Union Telephone Co.	330962	Almond, Coloma, Hancock, Plainfield	(none)
UTELCO, Inc.	330963	Albany, Blanchardville, Browntown, Juda, Monticello, Monroe, South Wayne, Woodford	(none)
Vernon Telephone Cooperative	330966	Desoto, Genoa, La Farge, Liberty Pole, Readstown, Viola, Westby, Yuba	(none)
Waunakee Telephone Co.	330968	Waunakee	(none)

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Wood County Telephone co.	330974	Nekoosa, Port Edwards, Rudolph, Wisconsin Rapids	

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^W In it's application, US Cellular incorrectly identified this exchange as **bcng** served by CenturyTel of the Midwest – Wisconsin – Wayside.

^P In it's application, US **Cellular** incorrectly identified this exchange as being served by CenturyTel of the Midwest – Wisconsin – Platteville.

^{CM} In it's application, US Cellular incorrectly identified **this exchange as** being served by CenturyTel of the Midwest – Wisconsin – CENCOM. Poysippi was identified as Pine Riv (sic).

ATTACHMENT B**Wire Centers Served by Noa-rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers
for which ETC Status was Requested****Wire Centers served by Wisconsin Bell (d/b/a SBC Wisconsin)**

DOMSWITCH	CITY
ALGMWI11RSO	ALGOMA
APPLWIO1DSO	APPLETON
BELTWIO1DSO	BELOIT
BFTWWI11RS1	WAUKESHA
BGBNWI11RSO	BIG BEND
BRFDWI11RS3	BROOKFIELD
BURLWI11RSO	BURLINGTON
BVDMWIO1DSA	BEAVER DAM
CDBGWI15DSA	CEDARBURG
CLDNWI14RSO	CALEDONIA
CLMBWI11RSO	COLUMBUS
DEPRWI11DSO	DE PERE
DLVNWII1RSO	DELAVAN
EVVLWI11RSO	EVANSVILLE
FDULWIO1DSO	FOND DU LAC
FTATWI11RSO	FT ATKINSON
GNBYWIO1DS1	GREEN BAY
GNBYWI11DSA	GREEN BAY
GNBYWI12DSO	GREEN BAY
GNBYWI13DSO	GREEN BAY
GNCYWI12RSO	GENOA CITY
GNVLWI12RSO	GREENVILLE
HBTSWI11DSO	HUBERTUS
HOVLWI12RSO	HORTONVILLE
HRCNWI11RSO	HORICON
HRFRWI11RSO	HARTFORD
HRLDWI11DSA	HARTLAND
JCSNWI11DSA	JACKSON
JFSNWI11RSO	JEFFERSON
JNVLWIO1DSA	JANESVILLE
JUNEWI11RSO	JUNEAU
KAUKWI11RSO	KAUKAUNA
KENOWI01DSO	KENOSHA
KENOWI11DSA	KENOSHA
KEWNWI11RSO	KEWAUNEE
LCHTWI11RSO	LITTLE CHUTE

DOMSWITCH	CITY
LKGNWIO1DSO	LAKE GENEVA
MDSNWI11DSO	MADISON
MDSNWI12DSO	MADISON
MDSNWI13DSO	MADISON
MDSNWI14DSO	MADISON
MDSNWI15DSA	MADISON
MDSNWI16DSO	MADISON
MILWWI10DSA	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI12DS2	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI13DS1	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI16DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI17DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI22DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI23DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI25DSO	HALES CORNERS
MILWWI27DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI28DSA	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI30DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI31DSO	MENOMONEE FALLS
MILWWI34DS1	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI38RS1	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI42DSO	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI45DS1	BROOKFIELD
MILWWI48DSA	MILWAUKEE
MILWWI56DSO	OAK CREEK
MNFLWI32DSA	MENOMONEE FALLS
MNTWWI01DSO	MANITOWOC
MSKGWI36DSA	MUSKEGO
MYVLWI11RSO	MAYVILLE
NENHWI11DSO	NEENAH
NWBGWI11RSO	NEWBURG
NWLNWI11RSO	NEW LONDON
OCNMWI11DSO	OCONOMOWOC
OMROWI11DSO	OMRO

DOMSWITCH	CITY
OSHKWIO1DSA	OSHKOSH
PEWKWIIRSI	WAUKESHA
PEWKWI40DSO	PEW AUKEE
PLPRWIIRSO	PLEASANTPR
PRSDWIIDSO ;	KENOSHA
PTW A WIIRSO	PRT WASHINGTON
RACNWIO1DSO	RACINE
RACNWIIDSA	RACINE
RCMDWIIRSO	RICHMOND
SGTNWII1DSO	STOUGHTON
SHBYWIO1DSO	SHEBOYGAN
SHFLWI12DSO	SHEBOYGAN FLS
SMRSWIIRSO	KENOSHA
STBYWIIRSO	STURGEON BAY

DOMSWITCH	CITY
STPTWIO1DSO	STEVENS PT
STRTWIIDSO	STURTEVANT
SUSXWI46D-1	SUSSEX
UNGVWIIRSO	UNION GROVE
VNDNWIIRSI	VAN DYNE
WAPNWIIRSO	WAUPUN
WBNDWIO1DSO	WEST BEND
WHWRWIIDSO	WHITEWATER
WKSHWI47DSA	WAUKESHA
WMBYWIIDSA	WILLIAMS BAY
WNCNWI11DSO	WINNECONNE
WPCAWIIDSO	WAUPACA
WRTWWI1IRSO	WRIGHTSTOWN
WTTWWI01DSA	WATERTOWN

Wire Centers served by Verizon North Inc:

DOMSWITCH	CITY
APRVILXARSO	APPLE RIVER
WRRNILXARSO	WARREN
ADMSWIXARSO	ADAMS
ALNTWIXARSO	ALLETON
ARENWIXARS3	ARENA
BLCYWIXARSI	BLOOM CITY
BLGMWIXARSO	BELGIUM
BLHRWIXARSO	BAILEY HARBOR
BLLNWIXARSO	BRILLION
BLVLWIXARSO	BELLEVILLE
BRGVWIXARSO	BRIGGSVILLE
BRHDWIXADSO	BRODHEAD
BRKL WIXBRSO	BROOKLYN
BRSTWIXADSO	BRISTOL
CDGVWIXARSO	CEDAR GROVE
CITNWIXARSO	CHILTON
CLTNWIXADSO	CLINTON
CLYMWIXARLO	JUNEAU
CMBRWIXARSO	CAMBRIDGE
CMPTWIXARSO	CAMPBELLSPORT
COBBWIXARSO	COBB
CSCDWIXARSO	CASCADE
CTGVWIXADSO	COTTAGE GROVE
DARNWIXADS2	DARIEN
DGVL WIXADSO	DODGEVILLE
DRFDWIXARS 1	DEERFIELD
EDENWIXARS4	EDEN
EGHRWIXARSO	EGG HARBOR
EGTNWIXADSO	EDGERTON
ELLKWIXARSO	ELKHART LK
GNBSWIXARSO	GREENBUSH
HLBRWIXARSO	HILBERT
HODL WIXARSO	HOLLANDALE
HSFDWIXARSO	HUSTISFORD
ITHCWIXARSO	ITHACA
JCPTWIXARLO	JACKSONPORT
JHBGWIXARSO	JOHNSBURG
KIEL WIXARSO	KIEL
KWSKWIXARS2	KEWASKUM
LBNNW1XARL	LEBANON
LGVL WIXARSO	LOGANVILLE

DOMSWITCH	CITY
LKML WIXADSO	LAKE MILLS
LMRGWIXARSO	LIME RIDGE
LNRKWIXARSO	LONE ROCK
LODIWIXARSO	LODI
LOMRWIXARS6	LOMIRA (DODGE)
LYSTWIXARLO	LYNDON STA
MCF A WIXADSO	MC F ARLAND
MNCTWIXARS1	ARKDALE
MNPTWIXARSO	MINERAL PT
MPTNWIXARSO	OCONOMOWOC
MRFDWIXADSO	MARSHFIELD
MRMCWIXARSO	MERRIMAC
MRSHWIXARSO	MARSHALL
MSHCWIXARSO	MISSICOT
MSTNWIXADSI	MAUSTON
MTCLWIXARSO	MOUNT CALVARY
MTLLWIXARSO	MONTELLO
NESHWIXARSO	NEOSHO
NWHLWIXARSO	NEW HOLSTEIN
OKFDWIXADSO	OAKFIELD
ORGNWIXADSO	OR
ORVLWIXADSO	ORFORDVILLE
OSBGWIARSO	OOSTBURG
PDVLWIXARSO	PARDEEVILLE
PLANWIXARS3	PLAIN
PLMOWIXADSO	PLYMOUTH
PRTGWIXADSO	PORTAGE
RCCTWIXADSO	RICHLAND CTR
RDBGWIXADSO	REEDSBURG
RDVL WIXARSO	REEDSVILLE
RDWYWIXARSO	RIDGEWAY
RNLKWIXADSO	RANDOM LK
SALMWIXARSO	SALEM
SKCYWIXADSO	SAUK CITY
SLLKWIXARSO	SILVER LAKE
SLNGWIXADSO	SLINGER
SNPRWIXADSO	SUN PRAIRIE
SPGRWIXADSO	SPRING GREEN
SSBYWIXADSO	SISTER BAY
STCDWIXARSO	ST CLOUD

DOMSWITCH	CITY
THRSWIXARS4	THERESA
TRVRWIXARSO	TREVOR.
TWLKWIXARSO	TWIN LAKES .
TWRVWIXADSO	TWO RIVERS.
WAISWIXARSO	WASHINGTON IS
WBKAWIXARSO	FREDONIA
WHLWWIXARSO	WHITE LAW

DOMSWITCH	CITY
WIDLWIXADSO	WIDELLS
WLWOWIXADSO	WALWORTH
WSFDWIXARSO	WESTFIELD
WTRLWIXARSO	WATERLOO
WTWNWIXARSO	WITWEN